

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, beginning at line 24 as follows:

-- Fig. 28 is a block diagram schematically showing an endoscope system; ~~and~~ --

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, beginning at line 1 as follows:

-- Fig. 29 is a block diagram schematically showing a signal pre-processing means included in a signal processing means; and [[.]]--

Please insert the following paragraph in the specification at page 11, after line 2 and before line 3:

-- Fig. 30 is a block diagram showing a configuration of an endoscope system including two CCDs incorporated in the distal part of the endoscope.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 63, beginning at line 15 as follows:

-- As shown in Fig. 30, two ~~Two~~ CCDs may be incorporated in the distal part of an endoscope, and the first CCD of the CCDs may be used exclusively for the ordinary light mode (observation under ordinary light) and the second CCD thereof may be used exclusively for the special light mode (observation under special light). In this case, the CCD 109 employed in the present example is used as the second CCD. The first CCD dedicated to the ordinary light mode may be realized with the CCD 109 or the typical CCD.--